

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Amendment to Professional Services Agreement (Helen C. Schulz, M.D.)

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and execute First Amendment to Agreement BC 03-221 with Helen Schulz, M.D., Contractor On Payroll, to provide professional medical services at the County Health Clinics, extending the period through June 19, 2005 and increasing the amount by \$66,000 for a total contract amount of \$100,000 plus benefits.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Public Health Department, in accordance with State mandates, provides medical care to those individuals who would otherwise not be able to access the local health care system. Physicians, along with other professionals, provide primary medical care and perform administrative duties to ensure that the County fulfills those mandated services. The County Health Clinic – Lompoc has increased access to primary pediatric care to the Lompoc community. Extra provider hours have been added to the Well Child clinics for screening exams due to the increase in pediatric patients.

Since the beginning of this current fiscal year, Helen C. Schulz has been providing services in the Well Child clinics at the County Health Clinics according to the terms of a \$34,000 Agreement. Based upon the increased workload and hours for Dr. Schulz, it is projected that she will reach the maximum limit of her Agreement for FY 2003-2004. Your Board is requested to execute First Amendment to the Agreement with Helen C. Schulz, M.D., as a Contractor on Payroll, extending the period ending date from June 6, 2004 to June 19, 2005, increasing the not to exceed amount from \$34,000 to \$100,000 plus benefits. Approval of this requested Amendment will allow her to continue providing services in

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FY 2003-2004 and in FY 2004-2005. These increased expenditures associated with Dr. Schultz are included in the department's adopted FY 2003-2004 budget and in the Departmental Requested FY 2004-2005 budget.

The amended Agreement with Dr. Schulz calls for her to attend and staff assigned hours at designated County Health Clinics. The approximate costs of benefits are calculated at \$9,000 and include the Employer's share of Federal Medicare Health Insurance, County Worker's Compensation Insurance, and Malpractice Insurance. This does not represent additional compensation to the Contractor.

Because of this additional workload, and given that these services are billable, the appropriate hiring freeze exemption 0304-402 has been approved.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The provision of primary care services are mandated by California Administrative Code, Title 17, Chapter 3, Article 2, Sections 1276, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503 and 2505; California Administrative Code, Title 17, Chapter 3, Subchapter 1; and Section 17000 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Because this recommendation is already contained within the Department's FY 2004-2005 recommended budget, it will not increase the General Fund contribution or use of Special Revenue funds for the Public Health Department.

The costs for physician services are reimbursed from the State and Federal governments as a result of the County being a Federal Qualified Health Center (FQHC) providing services for Medi-Cal patients and from the Child Health Disability Prevention (CHDP) program for well-child services.

This action will not result in the need for any additional facilities.

Special Instructions: Please send a copy of the signed copy to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg. 8; ATTN: Dawn McGrew.

Concurrence: None.